

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 – EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 1794

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Title	: LAMINATED FILM AND METHOD	
	: FOR PRODUCING SAME	
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RESPONSE

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This is submitted in response to the Official Action dated March 11, 2010.

The Applicants note with appreciation the withdrawal of the prior 35 USC §112 rejection.

Claims 1, 2, 8, 10-14, 28, 29 and 40 stand rejected under 35 USC §103 over a hypothetical combination of Perez with Hibiya. The Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's comments hypothetically applying the combination against those claims. The Applicants respectfully submit, however, that the Applicants' claimed subject matter is not obvious over that combination inasmuch as the Applicants' claimed subject matter provides surprising and unexpected results. In that regard, the "Response to Arguments" section of the rejection recites a prior failure to show unexpected results based on the percentage of the liquid crystal polyester (LCP). The Applicants thus supplement the previous data already showing unexpected results. Details are set forth below.

As already noted in the Applicants' previous response, the Applicants claimed films containing LCP have remarkably low specific gravities relative to films containing other